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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT TO ME: PRESS COVERAGE

- 1. ONE OF DECEMBER 5 PRESS IS ONE OF SKEPTICISM ABOUT US POLICY AND US ABILITY TO INFLUENCE ISRAEL. THERE IS ALSO A SUGGESTION THAT US VIEW OF FINAL SETTLEMENT IS BIASED MORE TOWARD ISRAEL THAN TOWARD NEUTRALITY AND A "JUST" SOLUTION, INDICATING AN INCREASING TENDENCY TO QUESTION US GOOD WILL AS WELL AS US'S CAPABILITIES.
- 2. ABHRAM'S DECEMBER 5 EDITORIAL REFLECTS THIS VIEWPOINT. ENTITLED "KISSINGER'S NEXT VISIT", BEGINS WITH NOTE THAT AGREEMENT SECRETARY CONCLUDED DURING FIRST TRIP TO CAIRO IN NOVEMBER HAS MISCARRIED TO THE POINT THAT KM 101 TALKS HAVE BEEN BROKEN OFF. ARTICLE SAYS THAT THIS WAS NOT CAIRO'S FAULT: AND THAT IT IS IMPORTANT FOR SECRETARY TO FIX RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS FAILURE BEFORE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HIS COMING VISIT. ARTICLE CONTINUES THAT "REASONABLE"

SOLUTION WHICH ACCORDING TO REPORTS IS NOW BEING DISCUSSED BY STATE DEPARTMENT IS UNACCEPTABLE, SINCE IT DOES NOT CALL FOR FULL RESTORATION OF ARAB LANDS AND ASKS FOR A "COMPLEX" SOLUTION FOR JERUSALEM DEPARTING FROM RULES OF LEGITIMACY IN RELEVANT UN RESOLUTIONS. ARTICLE ENDS WITH CAUTION THAT US SHOULD NOT EXPECT ARABS TO REGARD IT AS WORTHY ROLE IT WANTS TO ASSUME IN COMING STATES OF SETTLEMENT IF OUTCOME OF SECRETARY'S VISIT IS THE SAME AS THE FIRST.

3. GUMHURIYYA CONTAINS SIMILAR ARTICLE STATING THAT SECRETARY'S VISIT IS TO "SAVE" THE ME CEASEFIRE, BUT INSISTING THAT US MUST PROVE ITS GOOD INTENTIONS.
GUMHURIYYA NOTES US REAFFIRMATIONS OF SUPPORT TO ISRAEL SECURITY, BOLSTERING OF US FLEET IN INDIAN OCEAN,US ATTEMPTS TO SET AFRICANS AGAINST THE ARABS, AND US FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO ISRAEL. GUMHURIYYA CONCLUDED THAT EGYPT WILL NOT ACCEPT PRESENT CEASEFIRE TURNING INTO ANOTHER ROGERS' INITIATIVE AND WARNS THAT US ACTIONS NOT WORDS, WILL INDICATE US'S INTENTIONS.

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